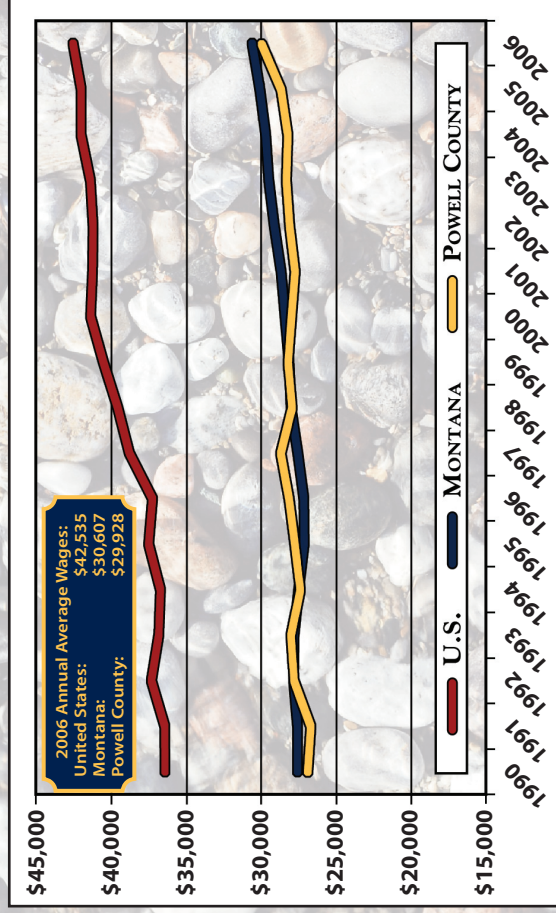
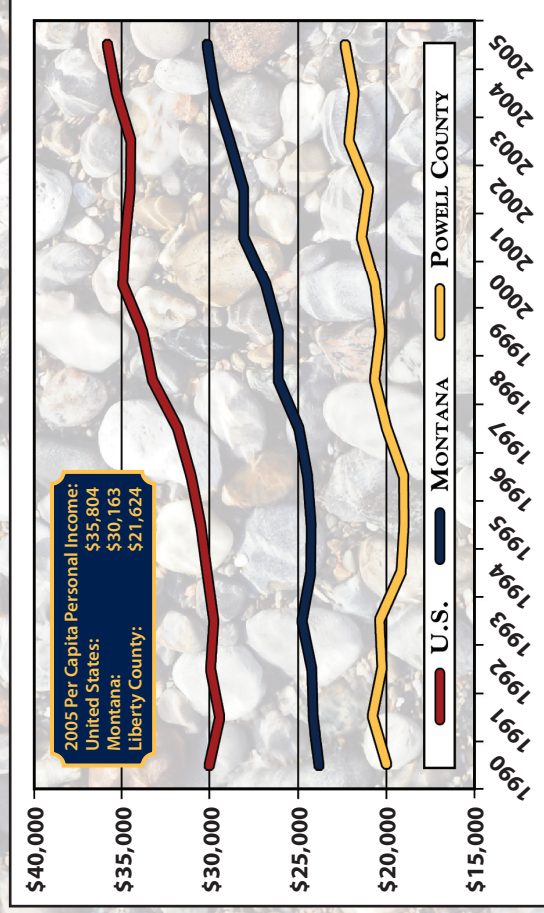


Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2005 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

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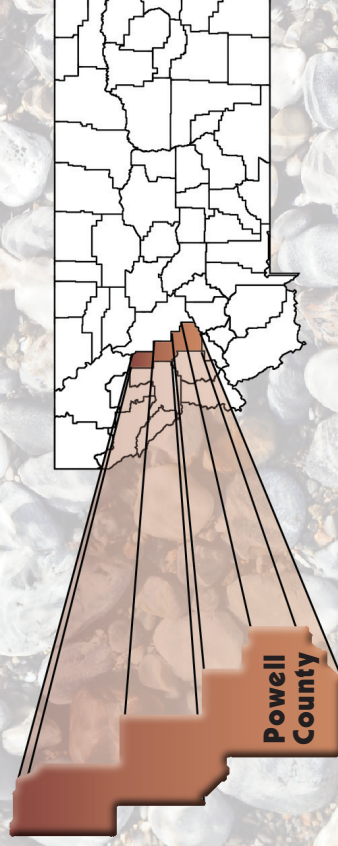
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Demographic & Economic Information for Powell County



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POWELL COUNTY

Powell County is Montana's 28th most populous county, with an estimated 6,997 residents as of July 1st, 2006. Deer Lodge, the county seat, is the state's 24th largest city, with a population estimated at 3,311 in 2006.¹ Other cities and towns in Powell County include: Avon, Elliston, Garrison, Gold Creek, Helmville, and Ovando.

A number of resource-based industries call Powell County home, including farming, ranching, mining, timber harvest, lumber and other wood product production, and tourism.² Powell County is perhaps best known as the location of Montana State Prison, located 3.5 miles west of the town of Deer Lodge. Montana State Prison employs approximately 600 people, including 318 uniformed staff.³

Powell County also boasts the most museums and historical collections in the Northwest, including the Old Montana Prison, the Montana Law Enforcement Museum, the Montana Auto Museum, Frontier Montana Museum, Desert John's Saloon, the Powell County Museum, and Deer Lodge's 1,500-acre Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site. The Grant-Kohrs site preserves many of the original buildings from one of the country's largest 19th century range ranches, giving visitors a glimpse of the Northern Plains cattle industry from the 1850's to recent times.⁴

¹U.S. Census Bureau, *Population Estimates Program*

²www.powellcountymontana.com

³<http://cor.mt.gov/MSP/MontanaStatePrison.asp>

⁴*Visit Montana - The Official State Travel Information Site*, <http://www.visitmt.com/categories/city.asp?siteid=1&city=deer+lodge>

Resources for Powell County

Chamber of Commerce

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Economic Development

Powell County Economic Development Corporation
923 Main Street, Deer Lodge, MT 59722
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Powell County Foundation

P. O. Box 834, Deer Lodge, MT 59722
Phone: (406) 846-3413
E-mail: Sowens48@hotmail.com

Job Service Workforce Center

Deer Lodge Satellite Office
Powell County Courthouse, Room 106
409 Missouri Avenue
Deer Lodge, MT 59722
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Hours: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, *Wednesday only*

Newspapers

Silver State Post
312 Missouri Avenue
Deer Lodge, MT 59722
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www.silverstatepost.com

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006 (continued)

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Credit intermediation & related activity	4	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	2	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	5	10	\$23,169
Real estate	4	*	*
Rental and leasing services	1	*	*
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	9	24	\$28,462
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	3	5	\$10,485
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	1	*	*
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	17	191	\$23,174
Ambulatory health care services	8	35	\$17,664
Hospitals	1	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	1	*	*
Social assistance	7	17	\$6,925
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	8	46	\$11,841
Performing arts and spectator sports	1	*	*
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	6	26	\$14,194
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	21	165	\$10,308
Accommodation	5	31	\$10,742
Food services and drinking places	16	135	\$10,209
OTHER SERVICES	14	26	\$15,889
Repair and maintenance	4	9	\$14,406
Personal and laundry services	2	*	*
Membership associations & organizations	6	10	\$12,661
Private households	1	*	*
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	29	1,092	\$35,702
Local Government	11	276	\$25,462
State Government	8	721	\$37,770
Federal Government	10	95	\$49,812

Annual Average Labor Force - Powell County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2006	2,660	2,537	123	4.6%
2005	2,642	2,491	151	5.7%
2004	2,660	2,505	155	5.8%
2003	2,675	2,521	154	5.8%
2002	2,753	2,581	172	6.2%
2001	2,779	2,625	154	5.5%
2000	2,886	2,720	166	5.8%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, *Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)*

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	192	2,254	\$29,940
TOTAL PRIVATE	163	1,161	\$24,521
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	21	131	\$34,055
Animal production	7	*	*
Forestry and logging	12	65	\$38,509
Agriculture & forestry support	2	*	*
MINING	1	*	*
UTILITIES	2	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	22	64	\$26,765
Construction of buildings	9	37	\$26,169
Heavy and civil engineering construction	2	*	*
Specialty trade contractors	12	*	*
MANUFACTURING	6	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	3	*	*
Printing and related support activities	1	*	*
Miscellaneous manufacturing	2	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	3	8	\$31,638
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	1	*	*
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	2	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	18	161	\$19,385
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	3	14	\$29,630
Furniture and home furnishings stores	1	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	2	*	*
Food and beverage stores	2	*	*
Health and personal care stores	1	*	*
Gasoline stations	4	36	\$18,884
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	1	*	*
General merchandise stores	1	*	*
Miscellaneous store retailers	1	*	*
Nonstore retailers	2	*	*
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	5	16	\$16,339
Truck transportation	3	8	\$23,750
Transit and ground passenger transport	1	*	*
Support activities for transportation	1	*	*
INFORMATION	2	*	*
Publishing industries, except Internet	1	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	1	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	6	38	\$32,331

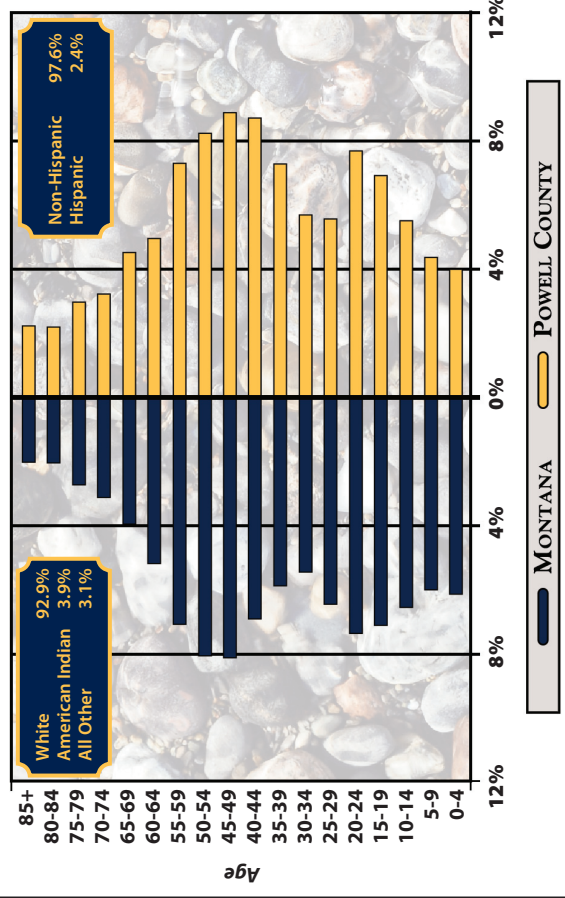
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)
The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance.
(Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)
* Data Not Disclosable

Population for Powell County & Related Areas

Geography	% Change 2000-2006	Population Estimates						Census April 1, 2000
		July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	
Powell County	-2.5%	6,997	6,968	6,914	6,946	7,040	7,058	7,183
Deer Lodge city	-3.2%	3,311	3,295	3,264	3,284	3,339	3,349	3,421

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Powell County, 2006



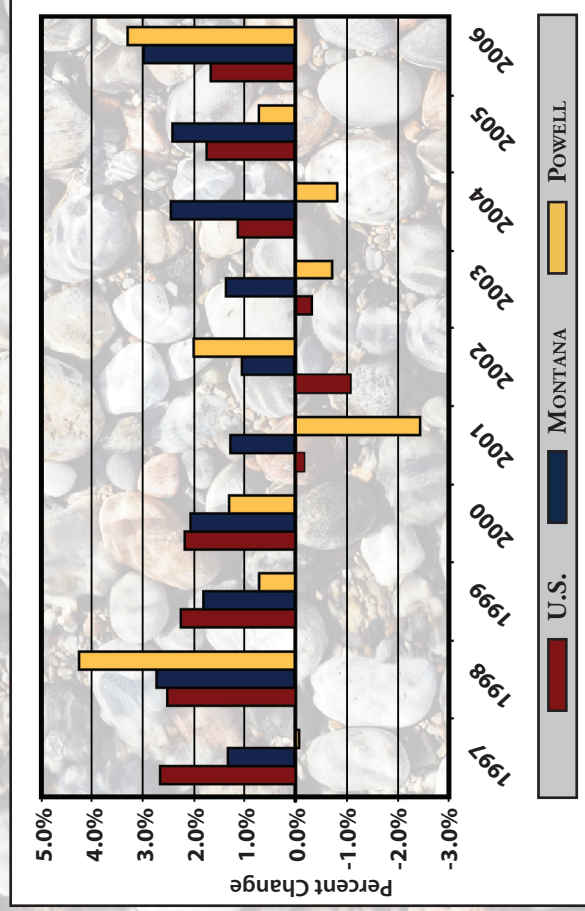
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 Population Estimates

Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Powell County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	18.1%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	38.9%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	25.3%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	4.7%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	8.5%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	3.1%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	1.2%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.3%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Percent Change in Employment: 1997 to 2006 U.S., Montana, and Powell County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 10 Private Employers in Powell County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2007 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Colonial Manor	5	Scharf's Family Restaurant	4
Powell Cty. Memorial Hospital	5	The Shack	4
Powell County Museum	3	Sun Mountain Logging	4
Rock Creek Cattle Company	5	Sun Mountain Lumber	6
Safeway	4	Valley Foods IGA	4

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999, Class 7 = 250 to 499, Class 6 = 100 to 249, Class 5 = 50 to 99, Class 4 = 20 to 49, Class 3 = 10 to 19, Class 2 = 5 to 9

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Powell County

Farms	
Farms: (number)	274
Land in farms (acres)	618,687
Average size of farms (acres)	2,258
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	187
1,000 acres or more	87
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	214
\$100,000 or more	60
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	252
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	22
Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested	
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	42,635
Hogs and pigs	94
Sheep and lambs	851
Horses and ponies	1,477
Bison	1,195
Chickens (layers and broilers)	508
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	-
Corn for silage or greenchop	(D)
Wheat for grain, All	(D)
Winter wheat for grain	-
Durum wheat for grain	-
Spring wheat for grain	(D)
Barley for grain	61,382
Oats for grain	11,670
Sunflower seed, All	-
Soybeans for beans	-
Hay, haylage, grass silage	136,178
Operator Demographics	
Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	177
Other	97
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	240
Not on farm operated	34
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	73
10 years or more	201
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	133
55 years and over	141
Average age of operators: (number)	56.4

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002
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